

Potential Funding Sources for Sage-grouse Conservation Projects in Idaho
Idaho Sage-grouse Workshop November 3, 2007



State Programs

Program	Purpose	Land Ownership	Amount or Limits	Cost Share	Deadline
Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation (OSC) http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/grouse/	Implement sage-grouse conservation efforts in Idaho.	Private, public, tribal		Matching funds are not required, but projects with match will rank higher.	July 1, 2008
Habitat Improvement Program (HIP) http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/hip/	Provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners and public land managers who want to enhance habitat for upland game birds and waterfowl.	Private or public	\$10,000 project limit; \$20,000 lifetime limit	Usually 75% paid for 10-year agreement.	Continuous sign up
Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/lip/	Provide incentives to landowners to protect or enhance habitat for at-risk species.	Private	None	Requires non-federal match at least 35%.	February 1, 2008
State Wildlife Grants Program http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/grants/	Provides third party grants to fund projects which benefit at-risk species with actions that have been identified in our Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.	Private or public	Up to \$30,000, but usually \$10,000 per year for 3 years	Requires 25–50% non-federal match, depending on type of project.	Spring and fall each year

Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs

Program	Purpose	Land Ownership	Amount or Limits	Cost Share	Deadline
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/index.html	Seeks to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on private land. Agreements can be 10-year restoration cost share; 30-year conservation easements; or permanent conservation easements.	Private	Conservation easement limit \$1,500/ac	Perpetual easement 100%; 30 year easement 75%; 10 year contract 75%.	Continuous sign up.
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html	Emphasizes that agricultural production and environmental quality are compatible. EQIP provides incentives to landowners that implement conservation practices on their land, including wildlife habitat management.	Private	Funding is allocated to counties or special projects (e.g., species of concern).	Usually 50% on general EQIP projects. Up to 75% paid for species of concern. New for FY08 payment rate schedule.	November 23, 2007
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/	Provides landowners with technical and financial assistance to protect and enhance wildlife habitat.	Private landowners, tribal, state, and local governments	None	75% cost share rate	Continuous
Conservation Security Program (CSP) http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/index.html	Rewards good stewardship on private land. In 2006, CSP in Idaho focused on the Clearwater and Lower Bear River-Malad watersheds. Please visit the NRCS website for eligible watersheds in 2007.	Private	Payments to landowner based on level of stewardship	50% for practices, up to \$10,000 per contract.	Varies based on timing of funding from national office.
Conservation Innovative Grants http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/state.html	Development and adoption of innovative conservation technologies.	Private landowners, tribal, state, and local governments	\$75,000	50% federal limit.	Varies based on timing of funding from national office.

NRCS Programs, Continued.

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Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/	Protects, enhances, and restores grassland, rangeland, pastureland, and shrubland on private lands. GRP supports livestock grazing while protecting important grasslands from conversion to croplands or other uses.	Private	Minimum of at least 40 contiguous acres.	10, 15, 20, or 30-year contract with annual payments ≤75% of the grazing value of the land; up to 75% of restoration reimbursed; also 30-year or permanent conservation easements.	Continuous sign up
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp	CRP provides annual rental payments to landowners that practice soil conservation, primarily through conversion of highly erodible lands to resource-conserving vegetative covers, such as native vegetation.	Private	Dependent upon acres enrolled and conservation practice applied.	Annual payment on contract; cost-sharing on plantings.	Varies based on timing of funding from national office.

BLM Programs

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BLM Challenge Cost-Share Grants (web site in development)	Provides funding for a wide array of projects on BLM-managed public lands and adjacent private lands. The following activities are funded through the CCS program: monitoring and inventorying resources; implementing habitat improvement projects; and developing threatening and endangered species recovery plans.	Federal/ adjacent private/state	Up to \$20,000	Recommended 50% non-federal match. State total must meet 50% non-federal match.	Federal FY 2008 – Nov. 5, 2007 Federal FY 2009 – Dec. 31, 2007
BLM MLR and Other Funding Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sage-grouse / sagebrush funds • Healthy Lands Initiative • National Landscape Conservation System • Land and Water Conservation Fund 	Provides funding for a wide array of inventory, monitoring and habitats projects on BLM-managed public lands. Projects can include easements / acquisitions. Coordination should be through BLM's LWG representative.	Federal	Variable	Recommended but not required.	Continuous

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Programs

Program	Purpose	Land Ownership	Amount or Limits	Cost Share	Deadline
Partners for Wildlife http://www.fws.gov/idahoes/partners.htm Contact: Dennis Mackey 208-378-5267	Provides technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation projects on private land, especially those that benefit migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and other sensitive species.	Private	Up to \$25,000 per project	Requires 50% state, private, or other federal match. Can be flexible and can include in-kind or material match.	No deadline-projects can be submitted at any time.
Private Stewardship Grants Program http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/private_stewardship/index.html	A competitive grants program that provides assistance to groups working on local conservation efforts, including those on private lands, for threatened, endangered and at-risk species. The funds go straight to the landowners without the state as a pass through. Intended for on-the-ground projects, not planning efforts.	Private	None per project. One pot of money is allocated nationally and individual projects compete.	Requires 10% non-federal match.	2008 deadline not set
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/section6/index.html	Provides funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands.	Non-federal	Varies	States and Territories must contribute a minimum non-Federal match of 25%, or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project.	2008 deadline not set
Species Recovery Funds Contact: Kendra Womack 208-685-6951	These funds are available for various on the ground projects in Idaho. Interested parties with specific projects should contact your local FWS staff for more information.	Any	Varies	None necessary, but projects with multiple partners are considered more favorably.	Contact should be made by January '08 if interested.

Other Programs

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Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) http://www.iwjk.org/about.htm	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited	<p>Long-term conservation of bird habitat through partnerships; provide project "seed" money to applicants developing conservation partnerships for "on-the-ground" bird habitat conservation.</p> <p>Note: the IWJV mission statement includes, "...fosters the protection, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands, riparian habitats, and the widely diverse <i>uplands</i> characteristic of the region..."</p>	Public or private	Up to \$100,000	None required, but partnerships are emphasized.	2008 deadline not set, but potentially July 2008.
Grouse Habitat Restoration Fund http://www.grousepartners.org/landowners.htm	North American Grouse Partnership	Provides landowners with financial assistance, seeds or plants to enhance sage-grouse habitat by planting forbs.	Private	None	Landowner is responsible for cost of the seeding or planting; can be used to supplement other conservation programs.	Continuous
Cooperative Sagebrush Initiative http://www.sandcountynet/programs/cbcn/sagewise/	Fund established by investors and leveraged with private and public funds	A regionwide program to provide, leadership, coordination, and funding for sagebrush conservation and recovery.	Public or private	In 2007 accepted proposals requesting funding of <\$500,000, \$500,000-\$1 million and >\$1 million.	None, but collaborative efforts are preferred.	2008 deadline not set